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Chief, Services Branch

Assistant Director for Operations

Construction Refinements at the FBI West Coast Station at
Reseda, California

1. Actual operations at the new FBI West Coast Station at Reseda, California reveal that several changes are advisable to expedite operations and eliminate audio interference between the various activities. The changes are advisable primarily due to a very high noise level in the type of construction being occupied, which level could only be determined as a result of actual operations which began on 25 April 1948.

2. The advisable alterations with costs estimated by FBA are as follows:

a. Changes in Leased Building

(1) Partition a 4-position code room into two 2-position rooms with a swinging door in the partition in order to reduce interference between positions to a minimum. \$180.00

(2) Installation of acoustical tile on ceiling of code rooms in order to reduce reverberation. 235.00

Total \$415.00

b. Changes in Government Owned Building

(1) Partition each of two 4-booth monitoring rooms into two 2-booth rooms with a swinging door in the partition in order to reduce to a minimum audio interference from an intercommunications system installed in the booths. \$325.00

(2) Remove floor-to-ceiling braces and re-brace ceiling in the monitoring rooms mentioned in item (1) above to eliminate passage obstruction caused by installation of the partitions. 75.00

(3) Installation of acoustical tile on ceilings of monitoring rooms to reduce reverberation. 470.00

Total \$870.00

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e. Remove an existing guard tower which does not effect operations but which detracts considerably from the external appearance of the station. 60.00

Total PMA Estimate (Labor \$880 plus Materials \$465.00) \$1,345.00

3. Attached hereto copies of

a. Message to Chief, FBIB from Chief, FBIB West Coast Bureau requesting alterations.

b. Message to Chief, FBIB from [] Budget and Finance Branch, in response to a request from the Chief, FBIB that original request for alterations be investigated and recommendations made.

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4. It is requested that these alterations be authorized and current funds obligated therefor.

5. It is suggested that the \$1,000.00 authorized for the construction of an additional room for a civilian house at the FBIB Hawaii Bureau in memorandum dated 13 May 1948 to Chief, Services Branch from Assistant Executive for A & M be applied to this project. The construction of this room has been abandoned due to an unexpected resignation and a consequent less urgent need.



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Attachments

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